

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lipsey.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the minutes of the **October 25, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 5294**, **HB 5295** and **HB 5296** before the committee:

HB 5294	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; zoning ordinance violations for cities and villages; establish grace period and limit fines.
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HB 5295	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; zoning ordinance violations for counties; establish grace period and limit fines.
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HB 5296	Hune	Land use; zoning and growth management; township zoning ordinance violations; establish grace period and limit fines.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Hune, sponsor of HB 5294, HB 5295 and HB 5296, explained his bills to the committee.

Fred Krebs, representing himself, testified in support of HB 5294.

Susan Stachowiak, representing the City of Lansing, testified in opposition to HB 5294.

Arnold Weinfeld, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296.

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee in opposition to HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in opposition to HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296.

Rusty Merchant, representing McAlvey and Associates, testified in opposition to HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296.

Dawn Crandall, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, turned in a testimony card in support of HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296 but did not wish to speak.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, turned in a testimony card in support of HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296 but did not wish to speak.

Bill Zaagman, representing Ottawa County, turned in a testimony card in opposition to HB 5294, HB 5295, and HB 5296 but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Drolet announced that the committee would take testimony on the subject of eminent domain.

Ted Phillips, representing the United Community Housing Coalition, testified before the committee on eminent domain.

Marilyn Mullane, representing Michigan Legal Services, testified before the committee on eminent domain.

Representative Sheen moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Lemmons** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:43 p.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Eric Esch
Acting Committee Clerk
517-373-0070
1 Hour 13 Minutes